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### Donovan Predicts Cubans And U.S. Will Ease Dispute

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**CHICAGO, Sept. 27** — Some form of rapprochement between the United States and Communist Cuba was forecast today by James B. Donovan, the New York lawyer who arranged the release of 1,162 prisoners taken during the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

Mr. Donovan told the Executives Club at a luncheon here that he did not know if his prediction would be fulfilled during the regime of Premier Fidel Castro. But he said he was confident the gap between the two count would be narrowed.

He said the economy of Cuba was in grave trouble. Practically all her equipment, he said, was made in the United States and when machinery breaks down it cannot be repaired.

Nobody is starving in Cuba, Mr. Donovan said, because the land is fertile and can produce three crops a year. But, he added, there has been such poor planning that the economy is "substantially wrecked."